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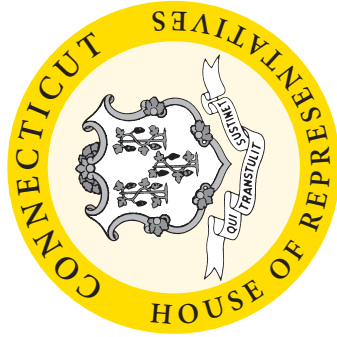


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2006 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY



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Representative Sawyer speaks on the floor of the House during the 2005 Legislative Session.



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Dear neighbor,

The 2006 session of the Connecticut General Assembly is just around the corner! I appreciate the continued opportunity to serve you in the state legislature in Hartford, and deeply appreciate the trust and confidence you place in me.

I hope you'll take a moment to fill out and return this 2006 Legislative Survey, to help me better represent you as the legislature begins to deal with many more critical issues facing Connecticut and our towns.

Thank you for your time and help!

Pam Sawyer

Rep. Sawyer presents a Proclamation for Andover Friends of the Library.



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1. Eminent Domain

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Kelo v. New London*, allows for the seizure of private property (such as a family's home) by a municipality under the state's eminent domain laws, for the municipality to use for economic development.

I have joined other members of the House in calling for a special session to change Connecticut's eminent domain laws to preserve the private property rights of Connecticut's citizens. Do you feel Connecticut's eminent domain laws should be changed to prevent private property from being seized by a municipality, and turned over to a private developer for economic development purposes?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

2. The Spending Cap

Voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment creating a state spending cap that limits spending growth in the state budget. This past session, the majority enacted a budget that exceeded the state spending cap by \$110 million. Do you believe that the Connecticut General Assembly should stay within the bounds of the constitutional spending cap?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

3. School Funding

The distribution of education dollars continues to be lopsided. Currently the school state school aid formula sends roughly \$8,000 per pupil to the cities, while some rural poor children receive 40% less state funding per pupil. Do you think this system should be reformed to be made more fair?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

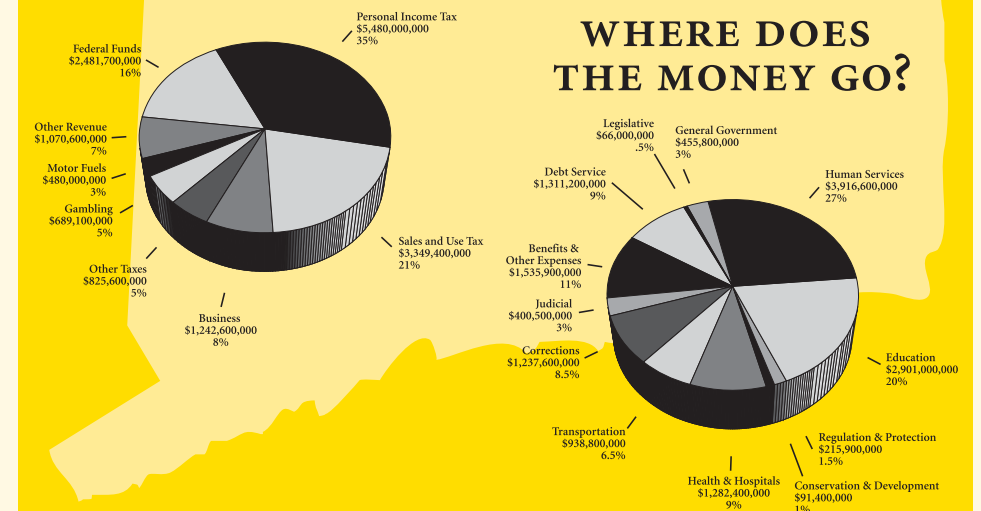
4. State Surplus

Any future state surpluses should be: (please check only one)

- ☐ Deposited in the Rainy Day Fund
☐ Used to pay off bonded indebtedness
☐ Used to reduce taxes
☐ Other: _____

BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2005
**THE 2005 GENERAL FUND AND THE
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND
TOGETHER SPEND \$14.4 BILLION**

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



*Revenues Exceeded Spending Leaving A General Fund Surplus of \$777 Million

5. What's On Your Mind?

Is there an issue of concern to you? A law you think that should be changed? Please take a moment and tell me any thoughts you might have on state issues.

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